McKINNEY, ROBERT

McKinney Family

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Special Collections

March 13, 2001

Hello! Your letter of February 25th that was addressed to the Vigo County Historical Society was given to me recently as the society doesn't do genealogical research.

I am enclosing a library research report to show you the various resources I checked although none proved helpful. I did find the "Shad" McKinney household in the 1840 Vigo County census p.809. (Lost Creek Twp.) which is immediately east of Terre Haute. However, this is the only reference I could find pertaining to him and you are already aware of it.

I did find a few other McKinneys (mostly in Sullivan County and southern Vigo County but couldn't find any connection to Shadrach or William and Ann Blaylock McKinney. If the latter lived in Parke County as you have suggested then I think you should write the Rockville Public Library, 106 N. Market, Rockville IN 47872. They have good cemetery records for Parke County. Vigo County Public Library doesn't have those records.

Please note that I didn't find your McKinneys in Vigo cemetery, probate or land records (1816-1860).

Nor could I find any birth record for Anna Louise McKinsey (McKinney) who was born July 11, 1892 or 1893 to William H. McKinsey and Lavina Yount McKinsey (McKinney). She may have been born in another county or the health department may have failed to record the birth.

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

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Feb 25, 2001

SASE

Mr. Mario Bernardi
3238 E. Tyler Ave
Fresno, CA
93702-4037

Vigo County Historical Soc.
1411 So. 6th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Dear Researcher;

In 1840, there was a Shadrach McKinney in Vigo County.

I want to know if there was a NO! cemetery plat with his name on it.

Also would like to know if a Will was filed on his behalf NO! or any land records.

I'm looking for a list of his children.

NO! (1818-60)

Please state your research fee's. A SASE is enclosed for your convenience.

Other: (also check other side)

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Sincerely,
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Motive Vigo Co.

P.S. would there be
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Anna Louise McKinsey
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McKinsey
Mother: Lavesia Yount.

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listing for William & Anne
Blaylock McKenney - Might
be father & mother to Shadrack.
Wm & Anne were in Parke
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Shadrack McKinney or you. Wm. McKinney in the 1850 Ind.
Census Index. The only Wm. McKinney in Vigo Co. were 24 in 1850.

Other: (also check other side)

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One Library Square
Terre Haute IN 47807

DATE: March 2001

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: McKinney Shadrach (? - ?)

in response to your request of Feb 25 2001.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

2. Surname File:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ a McKinney file pertaining to that family that looks in (over)

3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ A few dozen McKinney marriages but none with the Christian names you seek.

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found _____

7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ some later generation McKinneys - but one Geo. N. McKinney (1847-1944) a Civil War veteran is buried at Mt Pleasant. Do you have his father's name

9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓
   But not the right first names

10. Census Index for the year _____:
    Did not find ✓ Found _____
    Shadrach McKinney or your Wm. McKinney in the 1850 ind. Census Index. The only Wm. McKinney in Vigo Co. was 24 in 1850.

Other: (also check other side)

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2.) Sullivan Co. Ind. - immediately south of Vermillion. There is no mention of a Shadrach Listeman

a. America P. McKinney (May 27, 1841 - Nov. 19, 1904)

b. the 92nd birthday of Grandma ___? (Mrs. Robert?) McKinney on July 27, 1897 in Fairbanks Twp. of Sullivan Co. And the living sons were Geo. W. D. and W. H. McKinney

"Other" - I did find a listing for Chas. McKinney (aged 20-30, I presume) on p. 809 of the Vigo Co. (Lost Creek Twp.) 1840 census as you suggested. There were also 5 boys under 20 yrs. of age. Were these Chas's younger brothers??

There was an unnamed female (aged 30-40) and 4 girls under 20 yrs of age.

On p. 808 I did see an "S. Bleything". That made me think of the Anne Blaylock you mentioned (only a coincidence, I suppose).

From: David Lewis
To: [redacted]
Date: 10/4/2005 5:40:19 PM
Subject: Re: McKimmey-McKinney

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ONE LIBRARY SQUARE
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47807

Hello,

It's quite disappointing to me to have spent 8 or more hours of research time (a conservative estimate) and yet come up with a comparatively small amount of information for you. For example, I think I told you previously that Frank McKinney's 1920 obituary is so brief and then when I went through both the morning and evening Terre Haute papers "with a fine tooth comb" again, it netted me nothing. Today I again feel like a fisherman returning home in the evening with "no catch" - just a few bits and pieces, that's all. Shadrach (Shedrach) McKimmey (McKinney) is not mentioned in our Vigo County will or probate records and what I found for Elijah, his son, seems to be bits and pieces also. He probably died about 1870 as his estate was said to be settled in Dec. 1870 and the proceedings may have started Oct. 17, 1870 so I'm guessing he may have died about Summer-Autumn, 1870 but newspaper obits were "few and far between in that era.

Still I must ask you for $4 to cover our copying and postage expense as Elijah's estate was settled here but giving little concrete information about him. He might be buried in an unmarked grave at Sulphur Springs, which is where Frank is. That is just a guess of mine, or maybe he was buried in adjacent Otter Creek Twp. Will you need directions to get there?? I sent a lady in Hammond, IN a nice map showing her how to get to SS, but perhaps you aren't interested in seeing it. It is situated along Greencastle Rd in northeastern Vigo County (Nevins Twp) - not near any town, even small one though you will probably see Fontanet if you look at your Rand McNally atlas and SS is perhaps 3 miles or so from Fontanet.

Are you wanting me to mail you copies of US census reports for Shadrach and William Mc Kinney and Elijah? Are you wanting copies of Elijah's 3 marriages that I mentioned to you recently? If you are wanting all 3 and the census reports it could come to $5. Postage begins to add up.

I definitely want to send you a copy of the 1858 plat map (our oldest) of Otter Creek Twp showing Sect. 32 where W and E McKinney owned 40 acres. This isn't very productive ground and so I think they must have been very poor farmers (as so many were back then) but it was close to Markle's Mill (best in Vigo Co.) but sadly the mill burned to the stone foundation about 1938. There is a public picnic ground there now on Otter Creek and it's about 2-3 miles east of North Terre Haute.

Sorry, but I didn't even get to the Silas McKimmy, whose descendants you feel certain passed back and forth between Clark and Vigo Counties. Will try to get to that tomorrow, but I hope George McKimmy, the retired TH barber, can perhaps give you more particulars as to first names, cemetery of burial, etc as these old-time people have a way of vanishing without leaving traces. Sometimes they appear in a census but these often raise as many questions as they answer.

If you decide you want the copies, the 4 dollars can be sent to my attention, Special Collections, VCPL, One Library Square, Terre Haute, IN 47807. When checking probate indexes I came across mention of the will of one Josiah McKinney. Does he interest you? Let me know.

Our hours at the VCPL are 9-9 PM Monday through Thurs.; 9-6 PM Fri.; 9-5 PM Sat.; and 1-5 PM Sunday in case you would like to research here at 7th and Poplar Sts. for yourself. We will be closed Nov. 11th. I think you will discover when you come here that there are many dozens of possible info sources but that most all of them yield precious little results. This is the "lot" of the genealogy researcher so much of the time. I've been in it for 25 years so I know... and other times it is most rewarding if you're not overly optimistic. You win some; you lose some...

David N. Lewis
Special Collections Research

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From: "Chris Pulver" <cpulver@adamswells.com>
To: "David Lewis" <DLEWIS@vigo.lib.in.us>
Date: 10/3/2005 8:50:04 AM
Subject: McKimmey-McKinney

Morning David!

I think I found more information regarding the Frank McKimmey/McKinney I was looking for in Vigo County. I looked at the William McKimmey you found in the 1850 census living in Otter Creek twp. In 1860 I found William McKinney living in Nevins twp., Vigo County. This William "McKinney" Also had a wife Mary, and children, Eliza J., Rachel-(might have died was not listed), Henry, Frank, Fred, (twins) Winfield L, and George. This has to be the Frank McKimmey (McKinney) I was looking for, who died February 26 1920. The last name keeps flipping from McKimmey to McKinney!!! I will try to obtain Frank's death certificate to verify the spelling.

Do you have access to probate records or will records of Vigo county?? If you don't could you let me know how I could get information regarding any McKimmey families. I am really interested in finding a will record for Shadrach McKimmey. Since I find him last in 1860 census living in Vigo county at age 57, I am wondering if he died in that county and left a will?? If I could obtain a copy of Shadrach's will this would hopefully show his children and answer a lot of other questions!!!

Do you have access to Clark county Illinois?? I am also looking at a Silas McKimmey born about 1825. I have found that some of his grandchildren have gotten married in Vigo county Indiana, so they are going back and forth across state lines.

Again, Thanks so much for your help in my research!!

Chris

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

June 28, 1938

Mrs. Frank B. Julian,
814 West Valerio St.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Julian:

I have yours of the 22d with an unusual lot of information on your family lines.

In a way some of your lines cross some of mine, for the Handys married with the Bennett and Richardson families and I am a great grandson of William Plunkett Bennett, whose sister Mary was the wife of Joseph Richardson of York.

Matilda, dau. of William P. Bennett, married Nelson Markle and their son Theodore was my father.

So you now have the explanation of my York cemetery inscriptions and in a way my interest in genealogy and its origin.

I have not the time today to go fully into all of the data in your letter but I have these names and dates, all from tombstones, except the marriage of Nancy, the data on William M. and the Quaker missionary.

Rachel McKinney, wife of Robert, b. July 27, 1805.
d Aug. 24, 1902.

McKINNEY Edmond Aug. 28, 1806--Nov. 29, 1873.
Josiah 1840-1875, prob. son of Edmond.
Isaac H. Jan. 14, 1823--Nov. 29, 1895.
Margaret A. his wife, 1822-1906.
Elder James July 14, 1789--Nov. 4, 1872.
John O. Jan. 8, 1819--Nov. 3, 1848.
Mary E. b. 1854 m. 1 Cuppy 2 Brown. (from another gene'y
Elder Moses B. 1828-1866.
Olive 1832--1827. " " "
William b. New Hampshire 1784. d. Indiana 1812. m. Jane Shirley (another gen)
Dr. William, Quaker Missionary
William H. Mar. 27, 1825--Mar. 17, 1904. mRhoda Mattox, 1832--1892

Then I have only B. M. Bright 1857-1918 who m. Sarah Bell 1856-1927.

and nothing at all on Tisdale, a unique name in my lists which will usually furnish any name however odd it may be.

If any of these names seem promising, I will follow them through and as to the other queries, I will write later.

IT IS AGREED by and between A. R. Markle of Terre Haute, Indiana, and

.....of.....,
hereafter called CONSUMER, that Markle will use his efforts and ability to secure a lower cost for electrical energy for CONSUMER through a new, different, altered or modified rate to be paid by CONSUMER.

It is further agreed that CONSUMER will supply Markle with the data showing the cost and amount of service supplied CONSUMER for twelve consecutive months and that the bill paid by CONSUMER which is nearest to the average amount paid for such twelve bills will constitute the base bill referred to below.

It is further agreed that in consideration of the services of Markle in securing a lower cost, CONSUMER will pay Markle a fee equal to five times the amount by which the cost of the service shown on such base bill, figured at any new, different, altered or modified rate secured is lower than the cost shown on such base bill.

It is further agreed that in the event any refund, adjustment or credit is granted because of overcharges or incorrect billing through the services of Markle, CONSUMER will pay Markle one-half of the value of such refund, adjustment or credit.

It is further agreed that any payments due Markle under this agreement shall become due and payable upon the filing or publishing of any new, different, modified or altered rate, the acceptance of a lower rate by CONSUMER or the granting of any refund, adjustment or credit to the CONSUMER.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this agreement in

duplicate and affixed their signatures, this.....day of.....
1936.

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To the Officers and Members of
Fort Harrison Lodge #157, I.O.O.F.

Brothers:-

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of resolutions on the death of Brother Past Grand J.L.McKinney beg leave to report as follows:

Brother McKinney joined our Order June, 9th, 1891, passed the official duties of the chaires in 1897, and died May, 13th, 1909, and was buried by the Order in Highland Lawn Cemetery May, 17, 1909.

Brethren, to review the life of a Brother like that of Brother J.L.McKinney, is but a pleasure to record the facts of a noble well spent life in the interest of the Order and welfare of his family and friends --- regarding the Lodge next to his family and practicing that eternal principle that we can be Odd Fellows only in spirit and in truth while we act like honest men.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that in the death of Brother McKinney, the Lodge has lost one of its noblest men and the family a true and faithful husband and the community a good citizen; that we extend our sympathy to the family and friends, and that we set apart a page in our records for this memorial, and that a copy be sent the family and brother, who lives in Grant City, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted in F.L. & T.

J.T.H.Miller,
S. L. Fenner,
Frank Colescott,
Committee.

McKinney Family

Ruth McKinney.

Little Ruth, the infant babe of Prof G. F. and Dora McKinney, was born July 17, 1899, and died Oct. 1, 1899, at their home in King City, Mo., aged 2 months and 14 days.

The remains were brought to the home of R. A. Meyn, Monday evening where the funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 a. m., Rev. Caldwell officiating. The body was then laid to rest in the Prairie Home cemetery to await the final call to rest. Though she was with us only a short time yet we had learned to love her. A place in our heart is vacant which can never be filled. She only budded here on earth to blossom up in Heaven, where pain and sorrow never come, but all is joy. peace and love.

A FRIEND.

LUNA E., daughter of James L. and Laura B. McKinney, born April 8th, 1886; her stay on earth was but a few days and full of trouble. She died November 19th, aged 7 months and 11 days. Her mission here was so short we could hardly realize that she had any enjoyment on earth. The little darling appeared to be a vapor that soon vanished away. It appears as though the parents have met with a great loss, but there is no doubt but that it is her gain. We feel assured that she is in better hands than earth could afford.

Farewell, little lamb, in hopes of meeting in a better clime. Time admonishes us that we are all traveling the road and will soon come to the end. God bless all, is my prayer. Amen.

JAMES EATON.

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Dec. 17, 1897

Theodore McKinney Dead.

Theodore F. McKinney died Friday of last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Martha A. McKinney, at Staffordshire, in Turman township. Mr. McKinney was in his fiftieth year. He was married in 1873 to Miss Mary Bicknell. She entered into her rest in 1892. His little boy Davie, was taken from him the same year and Mr. McKinney has been failing ever since. During the last two years he was a great sufferer but he bore it all patiently and cheerfully submitted to the will of his maker. He was buried at the Crow cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. Blue, pastor of the church of which he was a member, conducting the services, and although the day was very inclement, a large attendance attested the respect in which he was held. Three daughters survive, Maud and May, twins, aged thirteen, and Flossie, aged eight. They will make their home with their grandmother. He was a brother to Mrs. Benj. Davis and Cliff McKinney of this city, and of John McKinney, who runs a general store at Staffordshire.

JAMES L. M'KENNEY.

James L. McKenney, 50 years old, died yesterday at the Union Hospital from appendicitis after an operation. His home is 229 South Seventeenth street. He leaves a widow, Martha B. McKenney. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge of which he was a member.

SULLIVAN PIONEERS

RESIDENTS WHO ARE NEARING THE CENTURY MARK.

FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER.

Harvey Wilson Assisted to Lay Out Town—Mrs. McKinney Has Lived There Over Half Century.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Rachel McKinney is the oldest resident and Harvey Wilson the next oldest resident of Sullivan county.

Harvey Wilson celebrated his ninetieth birthday in this city January 11. He is a pioneer of the county, having resided here for seventy years. He assisted in the laying out of the town of Sullivan. Both of his grandfathers served in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Wilson taught school in one of the first school-houses built in this county. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1840 and served two terms, the county seat being located at Merom at that time. He represented the people of this county in the state legislature from 1845 to 1850.

Mrs. McKinney celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday at her home in Fairbanks township, January 10. She enjoys good health and is in full possession of her faculties. When a little child she came with her parents from Kentucky to Old Bedford, or Palestine, on the White River, seven miles north of where Mitchell is now located. Her husband, Robert McKinley, a pioneer of the county, died seventeen years ago, aged eighty-six years. Mrs. McKinney has resided in Fairbanks township sixty-seven years. She is the mother of eleven children, four of whom are living; Mrs. David Huff, aged seventy-seven years, of Merom; Harvey McKinney, aged seventy-five years, of Fairbanks P. O.; Mrs. Eli Trueblood of Fairbanks, and Mary Jane Johnson of Farmersburg. She has now living fifty-four grandchildren, over three hundred great-grandchildren, and seventy-five great-great-grandchildren.

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92ND ANNIVERSARY.

Grandma McKinney of Fairbanks Tp. Celebrated her 92nd Birthday July 27. A Big Dinner in Honor of the Event.

On Tuesday of this week about 200 neighbors, friends and relatives of Mrs. Robert McKinney gathered at the home of Reuben Thomson, of Fairbanks township to extend their congratulations and tender their best wishes to Grandma McKinney on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of her birth.

Mrs. McKinney is well preserved and enjoys the best of health. She sat at the head of the table set apart for the older persons in attendance and was able to do ample justice to the many good things set before her. The only physical defect from which she suffers is the almost total loss of her sight, but she is able to recognize her friends by their voices. She talks freely and pleasantly without weariness. To the writer she recountered many interesting events of her life. She was born July 27, 1805 and can recall incidents which occured in 1812 or 85 yerrs ago. She told of an exciting experience which her mother had with some Indians about the year 1812. The whites and the Indians were living on peaceable terms. One day her father was away from home and left her mother and three little children alone. Later in the day some Indians entered the cabin and made themselves perfectly at home. They hunted out the whet stone and wheted their knives and implements of warfare right before the eyes of her mother, who suffered the most intense agonies of fear. After completing that job one big rough fellow turned to her mother and pinched her nose between his fingers shaking her violently. A compromise was made by giving the Indians some bread, but the impressions of those few moments were impressed indelibly upon the tablets of the memory of Mrs. Robert McKinney. This together with other incidents she related with the greatest ease, her memory never failing her. Her memory is indeed remarkable for one of her age. She keeps her own money accounts and is able to transact her own business. Mrs. McKinney was born in Kentucky. Her family afterwards moved into the southern part of Washington county where Mrs. McKinney was married in 1820, she being but 15 years of age, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney came to Sullivan county 64 years ago and settled in Fairbanks township. Mr. McKinney died in 1882, at the age of 86. This union was blessed with 11 children of whom five are now living and all of them attended the dinner Tuesday. Mrs. Huff is the oldest, having just passed her 74th year. The other surviving children are Geo. W. D. McKinney, of Centralia, Ill., W. H. McKinney, of Fairbanks tp., Mrs. Emily Thomson, at whose house the dinner was given and Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Fairbanks tp. It is quite impossible to give the names of the descendants but in number there are living 43 grandchildren, 104 great grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren. There being five generations present and partaking of the sumptious spread given in honor of the occasion and such a bounteous supply of good things none other but the good housewives of Fairbanks township could prepare. Everything for the entertainment of guests was conducted in a most excellent fashion, making it one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most impressive affairs it has ever been our pleasure to attend.

Those attending from a distance were: Wm. McKinney, Iva, Maud and Ola McKinney, of Crawford county, Ill; Roscoe and Oscar McKinney, of Clark county, Ill.; Mrs. Cora Hall, of West Union, Ill., and Rev. Oliphant, of Pimento, Ill.,Drs. Thompson and Crowder, Mrs. Nancy McKee, Elmer McKee, and the editor of the DEMOCRAT attended from Sullivan.

Excellent music was furnished after the dinner by an orchestra made up of the following performers and instruments: Miss Pessie Osborn, organ; Fred Osborn, violin; Theo. McKinney, guitar; and Al Riggs, mandolin.

The most impressive part of the exercises of the day was the sermon preached by Rev. Oliphant at 3 o'clock after which the baptismal rites were administered to Mrs. McKinney. She was emersed in the creek close to the house and satisfied her scruples in regard to baptism which she had held for a number of years. As a child she was taken into the church by sprinkling but she has not been totally satisfied with herself in this regard so she decided to make her 92nd anniversary memorable by being emersed. The DEMOCRAT again joins with her many friends in wishing her health and continued happiness during the remainder of her days.

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